GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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DELHI MILK SCHEME
RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) annual losses are still very high even after the price hike of milk in 2000;

(b) if so, details of deficit and losses for the last two years, year-wise and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to minimise the losses and the detail of estimated loss for the last six months;

(d) whether 60% D.M.S. plant capacity is unutilised; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to utilise the idle capacity?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): The deficit and losses suffered by DMS during the last two financial years are as under:-

(Rs. in lakh) (Provisional basis)

Financial Year	Deficit	Losses	Total
2000-01	780.25	1178.10	1958.35
2001-02	0.34	1607.14	1607.48

The losses are mainly due to heavy return of unsold milk and its reprocessing cost, pilferage, under utilization of plant capacity, FAT and SNF losses.

(c): Delhi Milk Scheme is adopting professional approach in different areas of operations such as marketing, transportation and plant operation and also adopting economy measures such as curtailing OTA, abolition of posts etc to reduce the losses. It is difficult to estimate the losses for the first six months as the annual accounts are prepared after the close of the financial year.
(d)&(e): Yes, Sir. DMS has entered into an agreement with Mother Dairy for custom packaging of Mother Dairy milk of about 2 lakhs litres per day to utilize the unutilized plant capacity.